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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE-SPANISH RELATIONS

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1. SPANISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR CONFIRMED THAT GOS INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO FORMALLY PROTEST SHOOTING OF SPANISH CITIZEN DIAZ SCHWARTZ. COUNSELOR SAID HIS EMBASSY CONVINCED SHOOTING WAS CRIMINAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL.

2. HANDBILLS, UNIDENTIFIED AS TO SOURCE, ARE CIRCULATING IN LISBON ANNOUNCING MARCH 3 DOWNTOWN LISBON DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF SPANISH WORKERS. HANDBILLS CARRY SLOGAN "UP WITH FRANCO, HIGHER THAN CARRERO BLANCO."

3. COMMENT: IN DECEMBER 1974, THE GOP CANCELLED A SCHEDULED MEETING IN SUPPORT OF SPANISH POLITICAL PRISONERS AFTER MADRID MADE KNOWN ITS DISPLEASURE. A FORMAL SPANISH PROTEST IN WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN ORDINARY ROBBERY SHOOTING MAY BE ONE WAY TO REMIND THE GOP THAT SPAIN IS CLOSELY WATCHING INTERNAL

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